

## SENATE RESOLUTION 119

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to commend Andrew Allen Jackson for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Allen Jackson is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris; Andrew's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sevier County, Tennessee, Andrew is the son of Bill and Faith Jackson and Leanne and Michael Gervase and the loving brother of Adam Jackson; and

WHEREAS, since June 30, 2007, Andrew has also been the loving and devoted husband of the former Misty Ogle of Sevier County; and

WHEREAS, a 2006 graduate of Seymour High School, Andrew Jackson began proving an industrious nature in his early years as Captain of the Seymour Scholars Bowl Team, President of the Seymour chapter of the National Honor Society, President of the Spanish Club, President of the Beta Club, and President of his Senior Class and the Seymour Student Body; and

WHEREAS, often one to be honored by his friends and peers, Andrew was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" and "Mr. Seymour" by his high school graduating class; and

WHEREAS, a great leader and academic example amongst his classmates, Andrew was selected as a 2005 delegate to the Rotary Club Conference for Youth Leadership, as a delegate and Cabinet Member to the 2005 American Legion Boys State, and as a scholar to the Tennessee Governor's School for International Studies in 2004; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he is highly regarded by his peers and the university community, Andrew Jackson has achieved Dean's List status each semester while pursuing a degree in Political Science with minors in History and Secondary Education and has participated in numerous activities; and

WHEREAS, his academic success has been awarded through multiple scholarships and recognitions during Andrew's time at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and talents to numerous organizations and activities, Andrew serves his fellow students on the Dean's Undergraduate Advisory Panel representing the university's Education program, as well as the Library Advisory Panel, and as President-Elect of the Student Tennessee Education Association's UTK Chapter; and

WHEREAS, always the epitome of a thoughtful humanitarian, Andrew has organized and participated in multiple volunteer and charity opportunities, including the Seymour Roads Pickup Campaign, the Second Harvest Food Drive, the National Honor Society's Scholarship Fund Drive, and three summers working with middle and high school students from Eastern Europe through the Institute for New Beginnings; and

WHEREAS, always one who seeks to learn while serving, Andrew preceded his legislative experience with internships in the Knox County School System to gain firsthand knowledge of the methods employed to teach our young people and an internship at 21st Mortgage in Knoxville to gain a better understanding of the economy and the financial burdens of many citizens; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as an intern, Andrew Jackson was elected Lieutenant Governor of the 2009 Intern Mock Session and voted the "Best All Around Intern" by his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Andrew brought his diverse abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2009 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, evincing an unflagging commitment to excellence in every endeavor and a firm belief in the noble pursuit of the common good, Andrew has worked assiduously during this

legislative session to promote the estimable principles of democracy, fairness, and equity in the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, an intern of uncommon devotion and singular talent, Andrew has distinguished himself as an exceptional individual with the utmost personal integrity and character, respect for his peers and superiors, and a positive attitude in his work; and

WHEREAS, Andrew epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Andrew exhibits a strength and dedication in his beliefs and pursuits that do credit to his namesake and ancestor, President Andrew Jackson; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2009 legislative session, Andrew has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Jackson has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and thank Andrew Allen Jackson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Norris and for the example he sets as a proud Tennessean and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.